#### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2822 (To be answered on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024)

## **BENEFICIARIES UNDER UDAN**

#### 2822. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA

### Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION लागर विमालल मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of beneficiaries and the employment opportunities generated in the aviation sector through initiatives such as the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme and regional airport development programmes, State/UTwise; and

(b) the specific targets set and achievements made so far in Uttar Pradesh in expanding regional connectivity and employment generation in the aviation sector?

#### ANSWER

# Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION ਗਾਹਾ ਰਿਸ਼ਾਰਾਰ ਸੰਸਾਦਾਰ ਸੈਂ ਹਾਤਰ ਸੰਸੀ (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (b): So far, more than 1.46 crore passengers have traveled on UDAN flights.

Airports have emerged as a nucleus of economic activities and have multiplier effect on the economy of the State. The linkage between the Civil Aviation Sector and Economic Growth is well recognised. An International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) study shows that the air connectivity has an economic multiplier of 3.25 and employment multiplier of 6.1. Further, the development of airports in the Country is expected to significantly boost regional connectivity, stimulate economic growth, and enhance tourism.

In the State of Uttar Pradesh, 18 airports namely Agra, Aligarh, Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur, Chitrakoot, Ghazipur, Jhansi, Moradabad, Kushinagar, Meerut, Muirpur, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Saharanpur, Fursatganj and Hindon have so far been identified under Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) in Uttar Pradesh.

Out of these Agra, Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur, Hindon, Kushinagar, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Moradabad and Chitrakoot have been operationalised.

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